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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2214

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuentes

February 18, 2010

An act to add Sections 33103.5 and 33216 to the Public Resources Code, relating to public resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2214, as amended, Fuentes. Public resources: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy: Pacoima Wash.

Existing law establishes the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency and specifies the authority and purposes of the conservancy.

This bill would require the conservancy to develop a feasibility study on or before June 30, 2011, for the Pacoima Wash, as the bill would define that term. The bill would require the conservancy to use existing budget resources and voluntary private and nonprofit-local resources when preparing the study, and to request voluntary cooperation of other governmental authorities with jurisdiction over the Pacoima Wash. ~~The bill would require the study to provide, among other things, for the establishment of a greenbelt in the Pacoima Wash, and the acquisition of real property in and abutting the Pacoima Wash and the subsequent lease, rental, sale, or other transfer of that property for park purposes.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 33103.5 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

33103.5. "Pacoima Wash" means the Los Angeles River tributary extending from the Lopez Debris Basin to the Tujunga Wash/Pacoima Wash confluence.

SEC. 2. Section 33216 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

33216. (a) On or before June 30, 2011, the conservancy shall develop a feasibility study for the Pacoima Wash. The study shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) Establish objectives for development of a greenbelt around the Pacoima Wash for the purposes of expanding recreational opportunities and the improvement of natural habitat to support wildlife.

(2) Establish the boundaries of the study.

(3) Inventory existing land and its uses.

(4) Analyze land parcels along the Pacoima Wash that show potential for development of a greenbelt and other recreational developments.

(5) Engage in community outreach and input.

(6) Analyze the ~~topology~~ *topography* of the Pacoima Wash.

(b) In preparing the study required by subdivision (a), the conservancy shall use existing budget resources and voluntary private and nonprofit ~~local~~ resources, and request voluntary cooperation of the other governmental authorities with jurisdiction over the Pacoima Wash.

~~(c) The study required by subdivision (a) shall provide for all of the following:~~

~~(1) Development of a greenbelt around the Pacoima Wash as a priority of the conservancy.~~

~~(2) Acquisition of real property in and abutting the Pacoima Wash, and the subsequent lease, rental, sale, or other transfer of that property for park purposes.~~

~~(3) A means by which to apply for grants or loans to purchase or restore park, recreation, conservation, or open-space opportunities in the Pacoima Wash.~~

~~(4) Acceptance of dedications or easements of tax delinquent property in the Pacoima Wash.~~

1 ~~(5) Provision of recommendations designed to provide and~~
2 ~~enhance recreational access to the Pacoima Wash for residents of~~
3 ~~the San Fernando Valley.~~

4 ~~(6) The establishment of a greenbelt in the Pacoima Wash.~~

5 ~~(d)~~

6 (c) The Legislature intends that at the beginning of its new
7 charge to prepare a study pursuant to subdivision (a), the
8 conservancy do so within its existing budgetary resources. As grant
9 opportunities ~~present themselves~~ *become available*, the Legislature
10 intends that the conservancy apply for those grants. In instances
11 when it cannot apply for grants due to ineligibility, the Legislature
12 encourages the ~~commission~~ *conservancy* to partner ~~on those grants~~
13 ~~with the community-based organization Pacoima Beautiful, which~~
14 ~~is a major community stakeholder in the San Fernando Valley with~~
15 ~~a vested~~ *with community-based organizations with an* interest in
16 seeing the Pacoima Wash develop into a greenbelt.

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